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SUBJECT: NO EU FUNDING PLANS FOR AIRBUS A350XWB

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[¶1.](#) (SBU) According to officials at DG Transport and Energy and DG Competition, the European Union has no plans to fund the development of the Airbus A350XWB or to provide launch aid.

[¶2.](#) (SBU) Industry contacts have heard no rumors of funding from Brussels, but thought that there would be pressure on national governments for state aid, particularly as unemployment figures increase in Europe. DG Competition is expected to oppose any such actions by member states, but in the current economic climate, might find it difficult to effectively counter political demands.

[¶3.](#) Post will continue to follow the issue and report should any new information develop.

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